Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment is being made to place the claims into a more

conventional U.S. format.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition

for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time

or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition,

appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account #

02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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